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¶11. (C) POLCOUNS, in an August 20 introductory call on Mansour Al-Otaibi, Director of MFA's International Organizations Department, informed Al-Otaibi of USG actions described reftel to designate an additional five Iranian entities under E.O. 13382 and urged Al-Otaibi to press the GOK to freeze the assets of these entities consistent with its obligations under UNSCRs 1747 and 1803. Embassy also delivered reftel background and non-paper under cover of a diplomatic note.

¶12. (C) Al-Otaibi, upon confirmation that the five entities had already been designated by the UN, assured POLCOUNS that the GOK would take immediate action to freeze any assets of these entities that might exist in Kuwait. Al-Otaibi seized the occasion to remind POLCOUNS of the GOK's preference for such targeted, incremental sanctions on Iran's nuclear program, as opposed to military action. He cautioned, however, that it is not difficult for suspect entities to change their names and registration data to avoid sanctions.

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